FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

FOR

Food Additive Petition 8B4601, submitted by The Dow Chemical Company, to amend § 177.1520 to expand the safe use of ethylene-octene-1 copolymers as articles or components of articles contacting food by lowering the required level of polymer units derived from ethylene to not less than 50 weight percent.

The Environmental Review Team, Division of Product Manufacture and Use, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, has determined that the approval of this petition will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore will not require preparation of an environmental impact statement. This finding is based on information submitted by the petitioner in an environmental assessment.

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